

Medical Waste Disposal by Class

Dry Medical Waste	 Collect dry waste in red biohazard bags Bags must be pre-printed with the word "Biohazard," the universal symbol for biohazard, and ASTM Standards for 165 gr impact strength (D1709-01) and 480 gr tear strength (D1722-00A) Label bags with the generator's information: <u>UC Merced identification information</u> <u>University of California, Merced</u> Address (Castle or main campus) PI's name, building, and room number where waste was generated Tie or tape bag closed (gooseneck) Take the sealed bag to your building's designated medical waste collection site
Liquid Medical Waste	 Dilute liquid waste with bleach to a 10% solution (one part bleach to nine parts liquid waste) Let set for at least 30 minutes before pouring down drain If there are other hazards in the liquid (radiological or chemical), decontaminate for the biological waste, then dispose of in the hazardous waste stream using the <u>WASTe</u> program.
Medical Sharps Waste	 Place sharps in a UN 3291 certified red rigid, leak proof, puncture resistant container Label the sharps container with the generator's information: <u>UC Merced identification information</u> <u>University of California, Merced</u> Address (Castle or main campus) PI's name, building, and room number where waste was generated Do not place free liquids such as full syringes in sharps containers Take the sealed sharps container to your building's designated medical waste collection site